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TAGS: PORG, UNGA

SUBJECT: WELLS/PETREE MISSION; UPDATE ON SOUTHERN
AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST

REF: ISLAMABAD 8315

1. PER PARAGRAPH TWO REFTEL, MISSIONS MAY PASS FOLLOWING
INFORMATION TO HOST GOVERNMENTS.

2. NAMIBIA: WE BELIEVE EXPLORATORY EFFORTS OF THE
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CONTACT GROUP MAY HAVE POSITIONED ELEMENTS FOR A
SOLUTION IN NAMIBIA IN KEEPING WITH SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 385. SOUTH AFRICA HAS MADE CERTAIN CONCESSIONS,
INCLUDING ABANDONMENT OF ETHNICALLY BASED CONSTITUTION
FOR NAMIBIA AND APPOINTMENT OF A SINGLE ADMINISTRATOR
GENERAL, RELEASE OF NAMIBIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS WITH
IMPARTIAL PANEL TO DETERMINE WHO IS OR IS NOT A

POLITICAL PRISONER; RETURN OF ALL NAMIBIAN EXILES; PHASED WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES; AND FREE ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN PRESENCE OF A UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WHO MUST BE SATISFIED AT ALL STAGES AS TO FAIRNESS OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS. THESE CONCESSIONS DO NOT SEEM FULLY TO MEET TERMS OF 385 OR DEMANDS OF SWAPO. QUESTION OF PHASED WITHDRAWAL

OF SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES IS PROVING PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT AND SEVERAL OTHER THORNY ISSUES REMAIN TO BE NEGOTIATED. AT AUGUST 8-11 TALKS WITH CONTACT GROUP IN NEW YORK, SWAPO SHOWED ITSELF FLEXIBLE IN SOME AREAS AND LESS SO IN OTHERS, BUT AGREEMENT WAS REACHED THAT NEGOTIATIONS HOLD POSSIBILITIES FOR ACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION OF NAMIBIA QUESTION ALTHOUGH FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WILL BE NECESSARY. (FYI: FURTHER DESCRIPTION OF TALKS WITH SWAPO MUST AWAIT BRIEFINGS YET TO BE GIVEN TO THE FRONT LINE AFRICAN STATES AND SOUTH AFRICA. END FYI) TIME HAS COME FOR UN TO BEGIN TO PLAY A CENTRAL ROLE IN NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE PROCESS AND WE HAVE URGED WALDHEIM TO BEGIN PRELIMINARY PLANNING ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESSFUL UN INVOLVEMENT. WE PLAN TO REPEAT THIS REQUEST. IF PARTIES CAN REACH AGREEMENT, AND THIS IS BY NO MEANS ASSURED, A SECURITY COUNCIL MANDATE WILL BE NECESSARY BEFORE UN ACTIVITIES COULD BEGIN IN NAMIBIA.

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3. RHODESIA: WE REMAIN ENGAGED WITH THE BRITISH IN EFFORTS TO DEVISE ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS TO THE RHODESIA QUESTION. WE AND BRITISH HAVE DEVELOPED WHAT WE FEEL TO BE A FAIR AND REASONABLE PLAN FOR SETTLEMENT AND, IN NEAR FUTURE, WE EXPECT TO PRESENT THIS PLAN TO THE PARTIES. SOON THEREAFTER WE WILL BE MAKING THE PLAN PUBLIC. NEGOTIATIONS ARE AT EXCEPTIONALLY DELICATE STAGE AND EVENTS ARE MOVING VERY RAPIDLY. IN VIEW UNCERTAINTIES

SURROUNDING NEGOTIATIONS, WE DO NOT FEEL THAT THOROUGH UPDATE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS STAGE. IF PAKS WISH TO REQUEST FULLER BRIEFING FROM DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO OBLIGE WHEN SITUATION PERMITS.

4. MIDDLE EAST: IF GOVERNMENTS INQUIRE ABOUT RESULTS OF SECRETARY'S TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST YOU SHOULD SUGGEST THEY SEEK FILL-IN FROM DEPARTMENT. ISSUES ARE SUFFICIENTLY COMPLEX THAT BRIEFING AT THAT REMOVE COULD LEAD TO SOME MISUNDERSTANDINGS

ON PART OF GOVERNMENTS NOT ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH
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